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Soviet advisers were present in all minis-
tries, and Soviet technicians helped run all large factories
in Bulgaria.

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schools listed below

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<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Military Academy	Sofia	---
Naval Academy	Stalin (Varna prior to 1945) N 43-13, E 27-557	---
"Suvorov" Military School	Sofia/Pavlova	Boys entered the school at eight. Received a 10-year education, with emphasis on military subjects. Only sons of Communist Party members were accepted.
"Nakhimov" Naval School	Stalin	Same as above, but emphasis was on naval subjects.

Manpower and Induction

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3. Upon completion of high school, all males had to register for military service. Those wishing to enroll in a university had to first serve three years in the armed forces. All university students, both male and female, had compulsory military training. A special faculty (Catheder) for military training was established

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in all universities. Army officers on active duty were instructors, and students were graded on the basis of annual tests.

Students had 12 hours of classroom instruction weekly on topography, weapons, infantry tactics, artillery mathematics, military regulations and advanced military science. Twice a year they had several days of outdoor training in the fields near Sofia. The students had no uniforms.

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some university students were permitted to study without previous military service. No further details.

Paramilitary and Youth Organizations

4. a. Volunteer Organization for Cooperation with the Armed Forces (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sedeystviye Na Otbrana - DOSO): This organization evolved in 1951 or 1952 from the former Anti-fascist Union, a wartime partisan movement. Membership in DOSO was voluntary for males and females. 18 years of age and over.

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DOSO was a sport club which taught its members pistol and rifle marksmanship, automobile driving, aeronautics, glider technique, construction of airplanes and ships, and various other military subjects. Members did not wear a special uniform.

- b. Joint Political Organization (Eddina Obshto-Politicheska Organizatsiya), a branch of the Fatherland Front:

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The Joint Political Organization conducted anti-air raid lectures, given two hours daily, in the evening, for a period of two months. Attendance at these lectures was voluntary for males and females.

subjects included first aid, extinguishing fires, and anti-gas defense. there was no bacteriological or atomic defense instruction. no construction of air raid shelters or signs of blackout measures.

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- c. Dimitrov Youth Organization: a member paid two or three levas each month for dues, depending on earnings. Membership was voluntary for males and females, 14-26 years of age. To be permitted to enroll in a university or to take university-level correspondence courses it was necessary to be a member of this organization. Members had neither uniforms nor military training. They did, however, receive a great deal of political indoctrination, and had mass political meetings and debates.¹

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Miscellaneous

5. a. in Bukhovo /N 42-16, E 23-34/, a village in the Novoselsk District near Sofia, a uranium mine was worked by Bulgarian troops in the Summer of 1952. The surrounding area was off limits.

- b. a nitrate factory in Dimitrovgrad /N 42-02, E 25-50/ manufactured war chemicals.

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